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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, GR, TU, US
SUBJECT: PAPANDREOU INTRODUCES ALLEGED STATE DEPARTMENT
TELEGRAM IN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

1. IN ITS MEETING TODAY, MARCH 17, THE GREEK PARLIAMENT
HELD A DISCUSSION AT THE LEVEL OF PARTY LEADERS ON THE
MARCH 10-11 SUMMIT MEETING AT MONTREUX BETWEEN THE GREEK
AND TURKISH PRIME MINISTERS. (WE WILL BE REPORTING ON
THE DISCUSSION BY SEPTEL.) PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS SPOKE
FIRST, OUTLINING HIS REASONS FOR AGREEING TO MEET WITH
ECEVIT AND DESCRIBING THEIR DISCUSSIONS IN GENERAL TERMS.
PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION LEADER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU THEN TOOK
THE FLOOR AND CRITICIZED THE PRIME MINISTER FOR AGREEING
TO THE SUMMIT AND, IN GENERAL, FOR BEING WILLING TO NEGOTIATE
GREEK-TURKISH DIFFERENCES WITH TURKEY, INSINUATING
THAT THIS SERVED US AND NATO INTERESTS.

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2. PAPANDREOU THEN TABLED WHAT HE ALLEGED WAS
A SEPTEMBER 1976 STATE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM TO ALL
EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS FROM "KISSINGER" ON THE SUBJECT OF
THE "GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE IN THE AEGEAN." HE PROCEEDED
TO READ FROM HIS OWN TRANSLATION OF THIS DOCUMENT
WHICH STATED AT THE END HE SAID, THE US COULD NOT TAKE SIDES AND
THE MOST THE US COULD DO WAS TO SUGGEST TO THE GOG TO

ADOPT A CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE IN RETURN FOR US EFFORTS TO LIMIT TURKISH CLAIMS. IT CONCLUDED, ACCORDING TO PAPANDREOU, THAT THIS COURSE WAS THE BEST WAY OF SECURING US STRATEGIC INTERESTS.

3. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN A XEROX COPY OF THE ALLEGED TELEGRAM UNOFFICIALLY AND HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE MFA TO OBTAIN A COPY OFFICIALLY. THE DOCUMENT STRIKES US AS A FORGERY BUT WE NEED URGENT CONFIRMATION SINCE WE EXPECT TO BE ASKED SHORTLY BY THE GOG WHETHER THE TELEGRAM TABLED BY PAPANDREOU IS AUTHENTIC. (AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS STATEMENT TO THE PARLIAMENT, PAPANDREOU ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER TO DETERMINE THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE TELEGRAM AND INFORM THE PARLIAMENT, SINCE, PAPANDREOU SAID, HE DID NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO MAKE THIS DETERMINATION HIMSELF.)

4. WE ARE SENDING THE FULL TEXT OF THE ALLGED TELEGRAM BY SEPTTEL. IT IS ON DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM FORM WITH THE CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL. IT IS ADDRESSED TO ALL EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS AND "RUFHNA/US NATO BRUSSELS" WITH THE SUBJECT "GREECE-TURKEY AEGEAN DISPUTE." THE DATE-TIME GROUP GIVEN IS 082057Z SEP 76 BUT THERE IS NO TELEGRAM NUMBER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO THE GOG AFTER IT GIVES US A COPY OF THE ALLEGED TELEGRAM OFFICIALLY. (WE SHOULD NOT COMMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE COPY WE HAVE OBTAINED UNOFFICIALLY.) IT WILL BE IMPORTANT, WE BELIEVE, FOR THE GOG, AND/OR THE EMBASSY, TO ISSUE A STATEMENT ON THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE TELEGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO LIMIT FURTHER EXPLOITATION OF THE DOCUMENT BY THOSE UNFRIENDLY TO US AND WE SHOULD COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH THE GOG IN DOING SO. PLEASE ADVISE BY NIACT IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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